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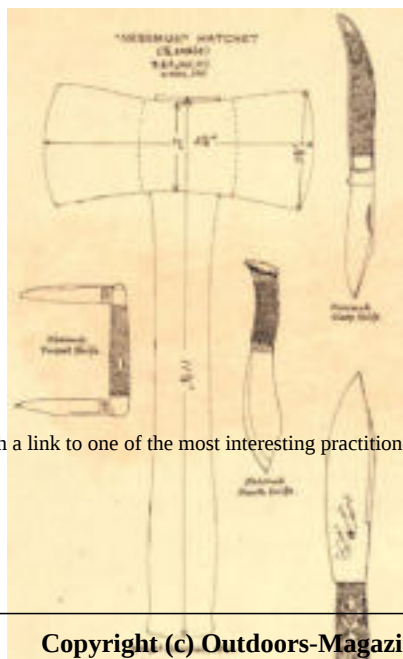
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Horace Kephart Drafts and Drawings

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Description :

A very brief introduction with a link to one of the most interesting practitioners of Bushcraft of our time.

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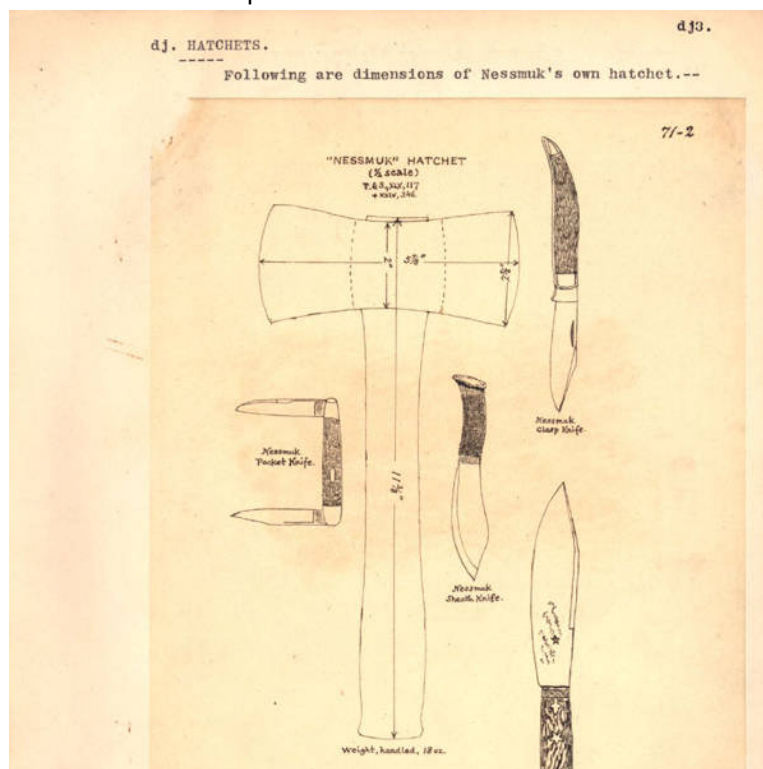
Many of the participant in this forum will recognize Horace Kephart as the author of *Camping and Woodcraft*, first published in 1906. His unique blend of matter of fact documentation and philosophical observations are a joy for all to behold. Kephart also penned *Our Southern Highlanders*, an interesting book about his life in the Great Smokey Mountains in Western North Carolina.

I would strongly encourage everyone to explore online, The Mountain Heritage Center and Special Collections at Hunter Library, Western Carolina University. They have created a digitized online exhibit called "Revealing an Enigma" that documents Horace Kephart's life and works. This exhibit contains documents and artifacts (photos and maps) that can be browsed or searched. The sketches are excellent- both visually pleasing and informative. The documents give one a good feel of what outdoor life would have been like in this era.

I feel very strongly that this type of digital preservation is a great resource for all of us to learn from- kind of like this forum. If the pages would have just sat on a dusty Library shelf until they were no longer useable, and only a few had experienced them, that would be a terrible waste. In electronic form, they can be enjoyed by many and may last ad infinitum. As a former Librarian- I think Kephart would have approved.

[The Kephart Collection](#)

The Kephart collection consists of numerous sketches, photographs and notes. Here are a few examples of the materials that can be found in the excellent Kephart collection.

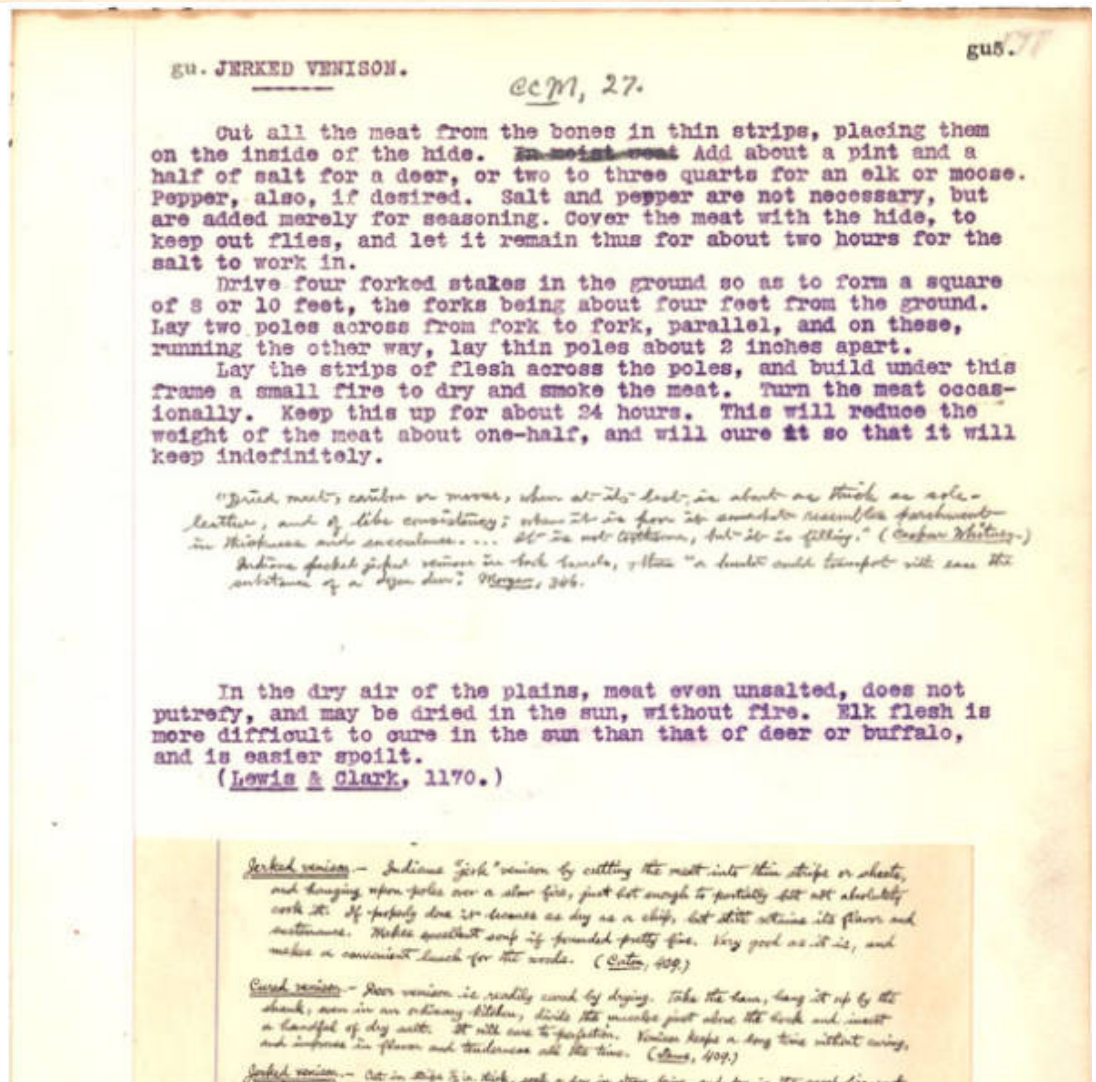


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